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RECOMMENDS INTELLIGENCE WATCHDOG COMMITTEE

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JOSEPH McCAFFERY: "As President Kennedy made the formal announcement in Newport that John McGone will succeed Allen Dulles as head of the CIA, a Connecticut Congressman called today for immediate formation of a Congressional watch-dog committee to oversee U.S. Intelligence operations. Congressman Daddario, a member of the House Space Committee, warned that Congress must exercise more supervision and surveillance over intelligence activities. He made public a resolution which would establish the joint Congressional Intelligence Committee, whose members would be drawn from existing committees on foreign affairs, defense, government operation, science, atomic energy, and economic affairs.

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"Let's take a look at the Congressional calendar, the Senate and the House have adjourned since this, the 87th Congress convenes for its second session on the 10th of January.

"This morning at 11 o'clock, some seven hours after the House had adjourned for the year, a messenger brought a sack of press releases from the office of Congressman Daddario, Connecticut, to the radio and television and press galleries, in which he announced his plan for a joint intelligence watch-dog committee. The second paragraph of the release said 'in a speech prepared for delivery on the floor of the House.' One reporter came into the gallery late this afternoon, and putting tongue in cheek, said, 'I've been waiting all day out there in that empty chamber, waiting to hear Mr. Daddario's speech, and he never even showed up.' That, then, was Today in Congress. Good night."